



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 544

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The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. MURPHY of the 16th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Public
2 Health shall establish an ad hoc committee for the purpose of assisting
3 the commissioner in examining and evaluating the definition of
4 "podiatric medicine" in section 20-50 of the general statutes. The
5 committee shall hold its first meeting not later than July 15, 2005. The
6 committee shall focus on examining and evaluating possible statutory
7 changes that would (1) revise the definition of "podiatric medicine" to
8 include the diagnosis and treatment of ailments of the ankle, and (2)
9 improve access to podiatric care. Other topics may be included at the
10 discretion of the commissioner.

11 (b) (1) The ad hoc committee shall consist of (A) the chairpersons
12 and ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General
13 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, or
14 their designees, and (B) nine members appointed by the commissioner
15 (i) two of whom shall be employees of the Department of Public
16 Health, (ii) three of whom shall be podiatrists recommended by the

17 Connecticut Podiatric Medical Association, one who works in private
 18 practice, one who works in the public sector and one who is an
 19 educator, (iii) three of whom shall be orthopedists, two who shall be
 20 recommended by the Connecticut Orthopedic Society and one who
 21 shall be recommended by the Connecticut Medical Society, and (iv) a
 22 representative from an accredited school or college of chiropody or
 23 podiatry approved by the Board of Examiners in Podiatry with the
 24 consent of the Commissioner of Public Health. The Commissioners of
 25 Public Health and Social Services, or their designees, shall be ex-officio
 26 members with full voting rights.

27 (2) The Commissioner of Public Health may expand the
 28 membership of the ad hoc committee to include representatives from
 29 related fields if the commissioner decides such expansion would be
 30 useful.

31 (c) On or before February 1, 2006, the Commissioner of Public
 32 Health shall submit, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general
 33 statutes, the results of the examination, with specific recommendations
 34 for any necessary statutory changes, to the Governor and the joint
 35 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
 36 matters relating to public health.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In subsection (b), the composition of the ad hoc committee was rewritten to clarify that the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, or their designees, will be members of the ad hoc committee without appointment by the commissioner and to ensure cleanness and conciseness in the phraseology.

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 06 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Cost	None
Legislative Mgmt.	GF - Cost	Minimal
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

It is anticipated that the Departments of Public Health and Social Services will be able to perform duties required by the bill within each agency's anticipated budgetary resources.

Appointing the chairs and ranking members of the Public Health Committee, or their designees, to serve on the ad hoc committee will result in a minimal cost to Legislative Management for legislator mileage reimbursement of 40.5 cents per mile

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 0

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